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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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International  
Application No. : PCT/US01/18339  
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For : TWO-HYBRID ASSAY THAT DETECTS HIV-1  
REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE DIMERIZATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING \$371 NATIONAL STAGE  
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.53**

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the  
above-identified application:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 9-41, and 48-59 without disclaimer or  
prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of  
these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

Please amend claims 47 and 64 as follows:

A1 47. (Amended) The method of claim 43, wherein the HIV-1  
reverse transcriptase is present in a subject and the  
contacting is effected by administering the compound  
to the subject.

A2 64. (Amended) A compound which comprises the compound of  
claim 60 and a carrier.

**REMARKS**

This application is a \$371 national stage of PCT International  
Application No. PCT/US01/18339, filed 6 June 2001, designating  
the United States of America, which is a continuation-in-part  
and claiming priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/588,939, filed June  
6, 2000. Accordingly, the parent application, PCT International